## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA EASTERN DIVISION

SUPER 8 MOTELS, INC.	)
Plaintiff,	) )
v.	) Case No. 3:06-cv-00206-MHT
JALA INVESTMENTS, INC., et al.	)
Defendants.	)

## **REPORT OF PARTIES' PLANNING MEETING**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and the Court's Order March 31, 2006, a meeting was held on April 21, 2006 via telephone and was attended by:

- Kelly F. Pate on behalf of Plaintiff Super 8 Motels, Inc.
- Perry G. Jackson on behalf of Jala Investments, Inc.
- 1. **Pre-Discovery Disclosures**. The parties will exchange the information required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) on or before May 5, 2006.
- 2. **Discovery Plan**. The parties jointly propose to the Court the following discovery plan:

The likely subjects of discovery are: (a) whether Defendant used an online media distribution system to copy and/or distribute Plaintiffs' copyrighted recordings without authorization in violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights under the Copyright Act; (b) whether such infringement was willful; (c) the amount of Plaintiffs' statutory damages, attorneys' fees, and costs; and (d) the issuance of injunctive relief.

- a. All discovery commenced in time to be completed by January 8, 2007.
- b. Maximum of 40 interrogatories by each party to each party. Responses due 30 days after service.
- c. Maximum of 40 requests for admission by each party to each party. Responses due 30 days after service.
- d. Maximum of 40 requests for production of document by each party to each party. Responses due 30 days after service.

- Maximum of 5 depositions by Plaintiffs to Defendant and 5 by Defendant to e. Plaintiffs. Depositions limited to eight hours.
- f. Reports from retained experts under Rule 26(a)(2) due:
  - from Plaintiff by September 8, 2006; and from Defendants by September 22, 2006.
- Supplementation under Rule 26(e) due reasonably upon knowledge of additional g. information.

## 3. Other Items.

- a. The parties do not request a conference with the Court before entry of the scheduling order.
- b. The parties request a pretrial conference on or around January 16, 2007.
- Plaintiffs should be allowed until November 9, 2006 to join additional parties and c. to amend the pleadings.
  - Defendant should be allowed until November 16, 2006 to join additional parties and to amend the pleadings.
- d. All potentially dispositive motions should be filed on or before October 10, 2006.
- e. Settlement cannot be realistically evaluated prior to the completion of preliminary discovery.
- f. Final lists of trial evidence under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3), both witnesses and exhibits, should be due from the parties on or before January 28, 2007.
- Parties should have 14 days (February 11, 2006) after service of final lists of trial g. evidence to list objections under Rule 26(a)(3).
- The case should be ready for trial by this Court's February 26, 2007 trial term. At h. this time, the trial is expected to take approximately 2 days, excluding jury selection.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of April, 2006.

2 167460.1

Case 3:06-cv-00206-MHT-TFM

Robin G. Laurie (LAU006) Kelly F. Pate (FIT014) Attorneys for Plaintiffs Motown Record Co., L.P., et al. BALCH & BINGHAM LLP 105 Tallapoosa Street, Suite 200 Montgomery, AL 36104-2549

## /s Perry G. Jackson

Perry G. Jackson (JAC070) Attorney for JALA, Investments, Inc. Jackson Law Firm 2229 Morris Avenue Birmingham, AL 35003-4211 (205) 323-6170

167460.1